

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**Q:** *What other restrictions are there for the use of public streets and right of ways?*

**A:** There are restrictions on uses such as:

- Athletic events
- Benches on sidewalks
- Block parties\*
- News racks on sidewalks
- Other public assemblies
- Parades\*
- Planters on sidewalks
- Signs and/or awnings over public sidewalk ways

\* For parades and block parties, a Special Event Permit is required. For more information, call 805/654.7749.

**Keep our public streets and right of ways clean and safe for everyone!**



*Neighborhood Preservation serves our community with compassion to promote safe and clean neighborhoods, preserve property values, support economic vitality through education and compliance. Ventura is where we live, work, and play!*

The City of Ventura Neighborhood Preservation Section is available to assist you in understanding the various codes and obtaining compliance. Contact us at 805/658.4711.

There are many ways to get involved to enhance the quality of life in our community. Participate in your Community Council – attend public meetings to connect with neighbors, volunteer, raise issues, and make a difference in your neighborhood!

**Find Your Neighborhood Community Council**  
[www.cityofventura.net/involved/communitycouncils](http://www.cityofventura.net/involved/communitycouncils)

**Volunteer Ventura!**  
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## INFORMATION & RULES ABOUT

# USE OF PUBLIC STREETS & OTHER RIGHTS OF WAY

IN THE CITY OF VENTURA

- Alleys
- Sidewalks
- Streets



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**Q: Can storage containers be put on the street in front of my house?**

**A:** The storage of personal property in public spaces (the street or public right-of-way) is prohibited. A storage container in the driveway of your property is allowed for less than 72 hours. Exceptions are considered when the homeowner has active building permits and the use is temporary. Check for companies that will store your container at their commercial location.

For cars, RV's, trailers, etc., there is also a 72 hour time limit for them to be parked on city streets. If left beyond a consecutive period of 72 hours, the police department may cite and/or remove the vehicle.



*Storage containers on your property (in your front yard setback) may be stored for up to 72 hours.*

**Q: I live at the end of a cul-de-sac, and someone keeps illegally dumping at the end of the road. What can I do?**

**A:** You can call the Debris Removal Hotline for illegal dumping (mattresses and other items) in the public right-of-way at 805/677.3999.



*Contact E.J. Harrison at 805/647.1414 for disposal needs.*

**Q: There is an E.J. Harrison dumpster that has been on the street for 3 months, is that ok?**

**A:** No. Per the franchise agreement between E.J. Harrison and the city, dumpsters are not allowed on the street for more than 30 days. For dumpsters on the street in excess of 30 days, contact the city's Neighborhood Preservation office, 805/658.4711. E.J. Harrison is permitted to place dumpsters on the city streets, however the use of any other disposal company is not lawful.



*Portable basketball hoops are not to be stored in the street.*

**Q: My neighbor has a basketball hoop in the street, is that legal?**

**A:** No. Personal property may not be stored in public spaces such as the street. A basketball hoop must be stored on private property (such as a driveway.)

#### **DID YOU KNOW?**

To have news racks on the sidewalk, you will need to apply and obtain a news rack permit from the city's Planning Division at 805/654.7725.

**Q: My neighbor has many vehicles for his household. Is there a limit to the number of vehicles a person can have in a residential zone?**

**A:** No, there is no law or restriction on how many cars a person can own. However, vehicles may not be parked or left standing on the street for more than a consecutive period of 72 hours or they may be cited and/or removed by the Police Department. Vehicles parked on private property must have the consent of the owner and must be parked on a surface of asphalt or Portland cement concrete with adequate drainage. All vehicles must be operable, and may not block the sidewalk at any time.



*Vehicles cannot block the sidewalk at any time.*

**Q: What if I don't comply with Neighborhood Preservation in regards to the use of public streets and right of ways?**

**A:** Our main objective is to obtain voluntary compliance with all of Ventura's municipal codes. If for some reason you don't comply, you may be subject to a range of fines for each offense and potentially other civil penalties. See our website for further details: [www.cityofventura.net/departments/np](http://www.cityofventura.net/departments/np) or call our office at 805/658.4711.



*Vehicles may not block the sidewalk or right-of-way, or be parked on the lawn.*

#### **FOR MORE INFORMATION**

- **City of Ventura Municipal Code:** [www.cityofventura.net/cm/municipal-code](http://www.cityofventura.net/cm/municipal-code)
- **City of Ventura Planning Documents & Forms** [www.cityofventura.net/cd/planning/citydesign](http://www.cityofventura.net/cd/planning/citydesign)
- **City of Ventura Environmental Sustainability** [www.cityofventura.net/environmental](http://www.cityofventura.net/environmental)
- **City of Ventura Special Event Permits** [www.cityofventura.net/permits](http://www.cityofventura.net/permits)